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1. WE HAVE INFORMED IREX THAT WE ARE ABLE TO MAKE AVAIL-
ABLE DOLS 815,000 FROM CU/EE FY 76 FUNDS FOR ITS AY76/77
SOVIET ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND THAT WE EXPECT IREX TO
ALLOCATE ITS OVERALL BUDGET RESOURCES SO AS TO MAINTAIN
GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG FACULTY EXCHANGE AT FIFTY PERSONS
AND RAISE SUMMER LANGUAGE TEACHER PROGRAM TO THIRTY-SEVEN.
IREX CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN THAT IT CANNOT SHIFT FUNDS
FROM OTHER PROGRAMS AND WILL THEREFORE NEED ADDITIONAL
DOLS 175,000 TO CONDUCT OFFICIAL SOVIET PROGRAMS AT LEVELS
DEPT HAS REQUESTED.

2. WE CANNOT FURTHER INCREASE IREX GRANT WITHOUT CUTTING
BACK OTHER IMPORTANT CU PROGRAMS AND WE WOULD PREFER THAT
IREX NOT BE FORCED TO MAKE FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN LEVELS OF
ITS OWN PROGRAMS. WE ARE THEREFORE CONTINUING TO EXPLORE
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WHAT OTHER STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO RESOLVE FUNDING PROBLEM IN-
-CLUDING POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM
PRIVATE SOURCES. WILL ADVISE.

3. WE HAVE AIR POUCHES TO CAO NOAH LETTER FROM IREX AND
DATA SHEETS FOR 50 PRIMARY NOMINEES FOR 50 GS/YF EXCHANGE.

EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION ON DATA SHEETS WITHOUT CON-
FIRMATION FROM DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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